GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MARKETING OF ADVANCE LIGHT HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Israel has shown keen interest in the marketing of Advanced Light Helicopters being manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any negotiations have so far taken place in connection with any other overseas agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the annual production of these helicopters and the approximate cost of the helicopter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): To attract potential customers, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Israel Aircraft Industries are planning to jointly produce and exhibit an Advanced Light Helicopter demonstrator to be flown during Aero India 2003.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) During 2001-2002, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited have delivered7 Advanced Light Helicopters. 11 Advanced Light Helicopters are planned for delivery in 2002-2003. The basic cost of one Advanced Light Helicopter for export is approximately US $ 5.25 million. The cost will vary depending on the customer`s requirement of role for the equipment.